**Subject Verb Agreement with Indefinite Pronouns!**

**Definition**: Indefinite pronouns refer to unspecified people or things. Although they can seem to refer to more than one person or thing, most take singular pronouns. This is not always the case though. Here are a few clues to determine if they take singular or plural pronouns:

**Activity**: a. Post and explain the following rules.

1. Place students in 6 groups and give them each one rule. Have each group come up with a song, poem, rap or mnemonics to help their classmates remember the rule.
2. Have students complete the attached worksheet.
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Eg: My mother or my sisters *are* coming over.

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Grade Level Targeted.

I recommend doing this exercise with grade 9 academic and applied classes. It is fairly straightforward and a good way to make grammar rules obvious. This lesson could be included in a series of weekly mini-grammar lessons.

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1- Circle the correct verb agreement:

1. Everybody (enjoys, enjoy) a good movie.
2. Does anybody (has, have) the time?
3. Nobody (know, knows) the trouble I’ve seen.
4. Each player (gets, get) one jersey.
5. Only local or organic plants (are, is) used in this salad.
6. All the protestors (cheers, cheer) because childcare subsidies were not cut.
7. All the water (are, is) important, lets make sure to keep it clean!
8. Some countries in the UN (has, have) abstained from a vote to make water a human right.
9. None of the immigrants (is, are) illegal, they are merely undocumented.
10. Neither of them (call, calls) the shots, lets let the referee do her job.
11. You can call your mp or mpp, they (is, are) responsible for answering your questions.
12. Students, along with a community member (have, has) spoken about this issue.